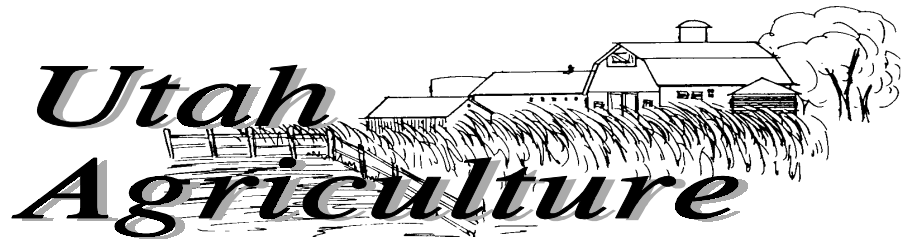




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production in these same States in April 1999. March revised production, at 12.7 billion pounds was up 3.7 percent from March 1999. The March revision represented a decrease of 0.1 percent or 15 million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate. **Production per cow** in the 20 major States averaged 1,598 pounds for April, 44 pounds above April 1999. **The number of cows** on farms in the 20 major States was 7.79 million head, 66,000 head more than April 1999 and 12,000 head more than March 2000.

Major Agricultural Survey

Nearly 500 Utah farmers and ranchers will be part of a national sample of 110,000 producers who will be contacted for the United States Agriculture Department's annual June survey.

This major survey will be conducted May 30-June 14 by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Enumerators will visit with farmers and ranchers to collect data about crop acreage and livestock production on their operations. An aerial photograph is used to identify the farmers and ranchers for this survey. The information will be used to make State, regional, and national estimates of crop acreage, grain stocks, livestock inventories, number of farms, land in farms, and other statistics.

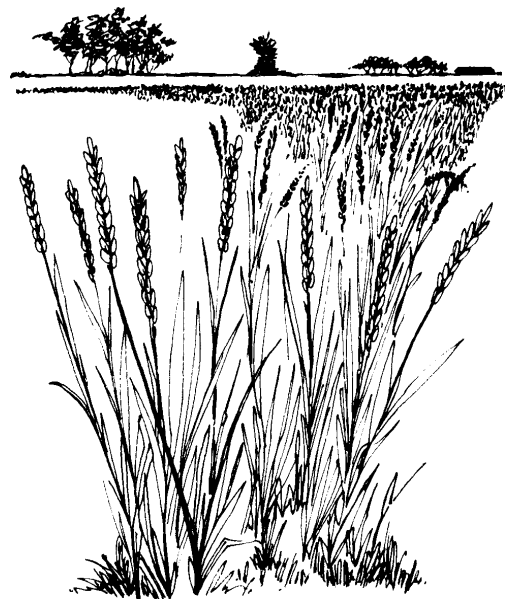
The information collected from individual farmers and ranchers is strictly confidential and used in combination with reports from other farmers and ranchers to produce agricultural statistics for Utah and the nation. After the results of the survey are compiled and analyzed, the information will be released in a series of reports. Those who participate in the survey will receive a special summary of the state and national results.

Monthly Milk Production

Milk production in the 20 major States during April totaled 12.4 billion pounds, up 3.7 percent from

Winter Wheat

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 1.65 billion bushels, down 3 percent from 1999. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 47.5 bushels per acre, 0.3 less than last year's record. If realized, this would be the second highest yield on record. Record yields are forecast in Ohio and North Carolina. Grain area totals 34.7 million acres, down 2 percent from last season. Dry conditions in Texas have led to abnormally high abandonment.



Potato Stocks

May 1, 2000 **potato stocks** totaled 85.7 million cwt, down 3 percent from a year ago and 8 percent below two years ago. Storage accounted for 20 percent of fall production, down 1 percentage point from a year ago.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to May 1 totaled 335 million cwt this season, down slightly from last year but 4 percent above two years ago. April disappearance of 41.9 million cwt was down 3 percent from last year but 1 percent above two years ago. Seasonal shrink and loss of 29.9 million cwt was up 2 percent from last year and 17 percent above two years ago.

Processing of 1999 crop potatoes this season totaled 163 million cwt, down 3 percent from the 1998 crop but

5 percent above the 1997 crop. In April, processors in the eight major States used 17.3 million cwt of potatoes, down 6 percent from last year and 2 percent below two years ago.

Western States held 68.8 million cwt of potatoes in storage on May 1, 2000, up 4 percent from last year but 6 percent below 1998. Oregon's stocks were up 36 percent from a year ago, Washington was equal to last year, and Idaho's stocks were down 3 percent. Stocks in these three Northwest States were up 3 percent from last year and accounted for 70 percent of U. S. stocks. Colorado's stocks were up 12 percent and California's storage was up 22 percent from last year. Montana's stocks, mostly seed, were up 3 percent.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on May 1, 1999-2000 ^{1/}

State	Crop of 1998			Crop of 1999		
	Production	Stocks May 1, 1999 ^{2/}	% of Production	Production	Stocks May 1, 2000 ^{2/}	% of Production
 1,000 Cwt		Percent 1,000 Cwt		Percent
CA	3,708	900	24	4,005	1,100	27
CO	25,360	6,600	26	25,762	7,400	29
ID	138,000	37,000	27	133,330	36,000	27
ME	18,060	3,800	21	17,813	4,400	25
MI	14,648	800	5	14,963	1,300	9
MN	21,170	4,300	20	18,020	2,800	16
MT	3,180	290	9	3,325	300	9
NE	8,175			8,904		
NY	7,290	75	1	6,758	40	1
ND	28,670	7,500	26	26,400	3,600	14
OH	1,200			987		
OR	26,229	7,000	27	28,020	9,500	34
PA	3,360	130	4	3,080	450	15
WA	93,225	14,500	16	95,200	14,500	15
WI	30,895	4,800	16	34,000	3,700	11
Other States ..		200			580	
15 States	423,170	87,895	21	420,567	85,670	20

^{1/} Stocks include processor holdings and seed to plant 2000 crop. Seed usage in 1999 totaled 29.5 million cwt. ^{2/} Blank States combined into "Other States".

U.S. Turkey Eggs

Turkey eggs in incubators on May 1, 2000 in the United States totaled 31.2 million, down 7 percent from May 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down 5 percent from the April 1 total of 32.8 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 6 percent; West North Central, down 14 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 6 percent; South Central, down 6 percent; and West, down 16 percent.

The 24.9 million poult placements during April 2000 in the United States were down 7 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 3 percent from the March total of 25.7 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 14 percent; West North Central, down 16 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 5 percent; South Central, down 4 percent; and West, down 2 percent.

Eggs in Incubators: First of Month by Region and United States, May 2000 with Comparisons

Geographic Division	May 1 1999	Apr 1 2000	May 1 2000	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	1,000			Percent	
E N Central	4,985	4,817	4,677	94	97
W N Central	11,108	*10,041	9,578	86	95
N & S Atlantic	9,531	*10,173	10,068	106	99
S Central	3,540	*3,781	3,336	94	88
West	4,232	3,957	3,549	84	90
US	33,396	*32,769	31,208	93	95

* Revised.

Poults Placements: Entire Month by Region and United States, April 2000 with Comparisons ^{1/}

Geographic Division	Apr 1999	Mar 2000	Apr 2000	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	1,000			Percent	
E N Central	3,827	3,497	3,282	86	94
W N Central	9,228	8,718	7,718	84	89
N & S Atlantic	7,712	8,172	8,082	105	99
S Central	3,051	*2,820	2,925	96	104
West	2,999	2,534	2,925	98	115
US	26,817	*25,741	24,932	93	97

* Revised. ^{1/} Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region and not the actual location of the birds after placement.



Manufactured Dairy Products

UTAH: American type cheese production in March 2000 totaled 3.1 million pounds, 1.7 percent above March 1999 and 3.3 percent above February 2000. **Total cheese** output, at 6.25 million pounds, was down 1.1 percent from March 1999 but 2.6 percent above February 2000. **Swiss cheese** production totaled 2.5 million pounds, 18 percent above March 1999 and 4.4 percent above February 2000. **Dry whey** (human) production was 2.2 million pounds, down 3.2 percent from March 1999 but up 9.9 percent from February 2000. **Hard ice cream** production totaled 1.1 million gallons, 4.0 percent above March 1999 and 12 percent above February 2000.

UNITED STATES: American type cheese production

totaled 317 million pounds, 0.1 percent below March 1999 but 5.0 percent above February 2000. **Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 715 million pounds, 2.6 percent above March 1999 and 10.8 percent above February 2000. **Cream cottage cheese** production was 31.2 million pounds, 1.3 percent below March 1999 but 10.6 percent above February 2000. **Lowfat cottage cheese** production was 33.3 million pounds, 2.3 percent below March 1999 but 13.4 percent above February 2000. **Butter** production was 124 million pounds in March, 0.9 percent below March 1999 and 4.6 percent below February 2000. **Hard ice cream** production, at 80.8 million gallons, was up 4.7 percent from March 1999.

Manufactured Dairy Production - March 2000 with Comparisons

Product	Utah			United States		
	March 1999	February 2000	March 2000	March 1999	February 2000	March 2000
1,000 Pounds						
Butter	^{1/}	^{1/}	^{1/}	125,357	130,259	124,290
Total Cheese ^{2/}	6,321	6,094	6,251	697,446	645,567	715,404
American Type Cheese	3,025	2,978	3,077	317,731	302,331	317,456
Swiss Cheese	2,073	2,348	2,451	18,498	17,486	18,264
Dry Whey, Human	2,261	1,991	2,189	94,947	95,665	101,432
1,000 Gallons						
Hard ice cream	1,032	960	1,073	77,201	67,755	80,802

^{1/} Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ^{2/} Excluding cottage cheese.